

Lake Dalrymple Bridge Replacement

Frequently Asked Questions Update #1 - April 26, 2025

1. What are the dates of the bridge and road closure?

The tentative schedule for the project is: May 19 to November 25, 2025. The project will follow the general timeline below but may be subject to change.

Construction Preparation: May 19 to May 26, 2025

- During this period the contractor will mobilize their equipment to site and complete preparation work prior to the full road closure
- During this period sections of Kirkfield road may be reduced to one lane with flagging operations.

Full Road Closure: May 26 to October 24, 2025

- Signage will be installed around the bridge to give advance warning of the road closure a minimum 2 weeks prior to the closure
- During this period the majority of the construction work will take place
- The bridge will be removed and there will be no through traffic
- The bridge will be re-opened to traffic by October 24, 2025.

Construction Conclusion: October 24 to November 25, 2025

- After the bridge is reopened to traffic the final work will be completed
- During this period sections of Kirkfield road may be reduced to one lane with flagging operations.

Updates will be provided on the [Major Projects page](#) on the municipality's website.

2. What is being done to mitigate the impact to Emergency Response Times during construction?

In order to minimize the road closure duration, the Tender was developed with provisions to provide preferential scoring to contractors that proposed shorter road closure schedules. The Tender also included a maximum road closure period that could not be exceeded.

To minimize impacts and disruption of emergency services to the area, the City of Kawartha Lakes has been coordinating with paramedic services from Ramara and Durham Region to ensure the closest unit responds. Some responses may need to switch from heading to Orillia Soldier's Memorial Hospital to Ross Memorial Hospital and vice-versa, however all responses will be dispatched utilizing the Coordinated Automatic Dispatch (CAD) system which incorporates road closure information and detours and automatically calculates the appropriate response team to be dispatched in order to provide the most efficient service. The system will be updated to reflect the closures and detours on an ongoing basis to reflect any required adjustments to closures and/or detour route conditions.

The City of Kawartha Lakes fire rescue service is working with partners from the Township of Ramara to assist in providing fire protection services to the portion of the City that will be affected by the bridge closure. More information will be provided prior to the bridge closure

3. What will be done to mitigate the impacts of increased traffic on Lake Dalrymple Road?

Local traffic is expected to utilize Lake Dalrymple Road during the road closure. An alternate detour route for larger truck traffic will be implemented to direct larger Vehicles away from Lake Dalrymple Road.

Prior to construction commencing, a preconstruction review of the road conditions will be undertaken by the City, and following construction another review will be completed to document any resulting damage. Necessary repairs will be completed following this review to reinstate the road to preconstruction conditions or better.

In addition, to encourage drivers to obey the Lake Dalrymple Road speed limits, the Contract has included a provision for the installation of temporary speed humps along Lake Dalrymple Road in order to mitigate speeding of traffic through this location and improve safety.